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As the River Cries...



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"I'm scared," 14-year-old Kortlyn whimpered to her older sister, Kassidy. Kassi held her little sister's hand tight. "It'll be ok, butterfly. Don't be scared. I'm here." Kassi kissed Kortlyn's cool forehead. Kortlyn smiled.

The door opened, and Dr. Wolf entered. So did another man whom the girls instantly recognized and greeted with a huge grin.

"/Daddy!/" Kortlyn squealed, promptly wincing in pain. "You made it!"

"Of course, baby," Mr. Falcon said warmly, stroking his daughter's curly auburn hair. "I told my boss you were in the hospital and he shooed me off right then. Said I could take the rest of the day off."

Dr. Wolf cleared his throat. "Mr. Falcon, we've received your daughter's test results..."

"And?" Mr. Falcon asked, his eyebrows raised in anticipation.

"We're very sorry," the doctor said gently, his eyes falling. "but I'm afraid Miss Falcon has been

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